Reconsideration of the LCA Engine

3656 SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASANT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are reconsidering the decision to fit F-404 engine to the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), in view of F-404 engine failure which were fitted to F-18 aircraft of Canadian Air Force;

(b) whether Government are also considering M-88 Snemma engine instead of F-404; and

(c) when the production of the LCA would commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The delivery of series production of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) would commence in 1994

Nuclear Power Corporation

3657. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Nuclear Power Corporation (NPC); and

(b) if so, what are its details and functions thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To achieve the targetted nuclear power programme of 10,000 MWe by the turn of the century, the Nuclear Power Corporation has been set up. Its corporate structure will enable it to raise resources through market borrowings to supplement the plan outlays and provide it the needed autonomy and flexibility to execute the programme.

Amendment of Central Administrative Tribunal Act

3658. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has once again issued a directive for amendment of Central Administrative Tribunal Act and if so, the details thereof and corrective steps proposed;

(b) whether only persons with Judicial background and experience are proposed to be appointed for the Central Administrative Tribunal; and

(c) whether the Central Administrative Tribunal is proposed to be directed to complete each case through continuous daily hearing for quick and just disposal and for reducing its work-load and heavy advocates fees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Supreme Court has made some directions mainly relating to the procedure of selection of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Tribunal as well as the eligibility for appointment to the post of Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Administrative Tribunals (Amendment) Bill, 1987 has already been introduced in the current session of Parliament.

(b) For the post of Chairman of the Central Administrative Tribunal